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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gordon, J.F., *et al.*

Appl. No: 09/988,850

Filed: November 19, 2001

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS  
FOR BLOOD TYPING WITH OPTICAL  
BIO-DISCS

Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Atty. Docket: 111465-128

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants submit the following amendment.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification as described below.

On page 1, please delete the paragraph immediately following the section title "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" and insert therefor:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application  
No. 60/249,477, filed November 17, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Application  
No. 60/252,723<sup>6</sup>, filed November 22, 2000. These applications are hereby  
incorporated by reference into the subject application in their entireties.